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SUBJECT: CANADA: (2/5) 220TH MEETING OF THE U.S.-CANADA
PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENSE - VISION AND PRINCIPLES
DOCUMENT

11. (U) U.S. Co-Chairman George Nethercutt and Canadian
Co-Chairman Rick Casson, M.P. convened the 220th meeting of
the Permanent Joint Board on Defense (PJBD) at the Canadian
Maritime Warfare Center in Halifax, Nova Scotia October 9-11,
2007 (septels). This is the second in a series of five
telegrams. It documents the PJBD's deliberations on the
Vision and Principles Document.

Vision and Principles

12. (SBU) Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and
International Trade (DFAIT) Director General (DG) for
International Security Don Sinclair launched the discussion
of the Vision and Principles Document by noting that Prime
Minister Harper supported it and that it should serve to
guide the PJBD and the relevant elements of the two
governments in the future. Canadian Military Policy
representative Major General Chris Davis asserted that the
Document would show that the CANUS defense and security
establishments were adapting and evolving. With the backing
of our national leaders, he said, it would also give us the
power to move our respective domestic policies in the right
direction.

13. (SBU) DG Sinclair noted that Canada would like to launch
the Document at the commemoration of NORAD's 50th anniversary
in May 2008 as a way to re-emphasize the two countries'
common vision for continental security and to draw public
attention to our "deep and enduring" partnership. The next
step for the Canadian side would be to have the foreign,
defense, and public safety ministers clear the Document and
table it in Cabinet. To this end, the Canadians would like a
signal from the U.S. side that it, too, is ready to press
ahead. NORAD Deputy Commander LtGen Charles Bouchard said
NORAD would plan for the Document to be featured at the NORAD
commemoration. U.S. NSC Representative Richard Miles
observed that the next scheduled opportunity for the
President and the Prime Minister to meet could occur as early
as April 2008, during the North American Leaders' Summit at a
venue to be determined in the U.S.

14. (SBU) Co-Chair Nethercutt responded that the U.S. side was
satisfied with the language in the Document and said that he
would ask the secretaries of State, Homeland Security, and

Defense to seek the President's direct involvement, perhaps to include signing the Document alongside the Canadian Prime Minister at the NORAD commemoration. State Department WHA/CAN Office Director Alex Lee said he would staff it with a view towards having it ready for leaders' signatures in 2008. Sinclair interjected that he would do the same on the Canadian side, and Co-Chair Casson ended the discussion by noting there was consensus on the need to complete and tee-up the Document quickly.

Vision and Principles Document

15. (SBU) Following is a text of the Visions and Principles Document:

Begin text

Canada-United States defence and security cooperation reflects our shared geography, contiguous borders, international commitments and interests, and a common understanding of the threats and vulnerabilities facing our two countries. We are committed to protecting our citizens, while promoting democracy, human rights, prosperity, opportunity and a better quality of life. We have stood fast by each other for decades in facing challenges at home and abroad. Taking a coherent approach to defence and security requires that we have the capacity to address new challenges.

The bedrock of the Canada-U.S. defence and security relationship is our ability to act effectively, in a timely and coordinated fashion, consistent with our national interests and sovereignty, to detect, deter, disrupt, and

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defeat military and terrorist threats to Canada and the United States, as far from our borders as possible. We also cooperate in non-military security matters, such as border operations, critical infrastructure protection and emergency management.

Fundamentals of the relationship:

- North American defence and security is a shared responsibility
- Our unique geographic relationship and integrated economies make the security and prosperity of our countries inter-dependent
- An attack against either country is an attack on both
- As members of the broader international community we have a common responsibility for promoting global peace and security
- We have a mutual commitment to peace, democracy and human rights and we strive to promote these values in ways that are shaped by our distinct histories, cultures and roles in the world
- We rely upon an integrated defence industrial and technology base
- We work in partnership for the protection of shared critical infrastructure in North America

For the continued success of our defence and security relations we must:

- (1) recognize that we are more secure when we address continental issues together than when we act alone;
- (2) prevent the territories of our countries from being used by third parties to plan, launch or support attacks on the other;
- (3) share relevant information and intelligence in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with our domestic laws and international legal obligations;
- (4) prepare, plan, train, exercise and advise on responses to threats, natural and human-induced disasters, to facilitate the support by the other offered in time of need;
- (5) cooperate on defense and security issues where common interests and concerns require an effective response to

threats to peace and security before they reach our borders;
(6) support and collaborate on science and technology R&D in defense and security to equip ourselves with the necessary tools today and in the future to support our cooperative defense and security;
(7) facilitate interoperability and joint action, by putting in place the necessary structures and legal framework; and
(8) enhance existing mechanisms and where necessary create new ones, to address emerging challenges and improve consultation across the range of our endeavors.

End Text

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